Praise be J.M.J.

My dear Sister Clothilde

I take advantage of the present occasion in order to say a few words to you: Never forget what you owe to Jesus Christ, in taking care of those whom he has given you for Parents according to the flesh.

Good-bye, my child, have courage and think of the resurrection of our divine Master.

Yours devotedly in Jesus Christ

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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